



Ruth Anna Thomas

March 5, 1940 - January 4, 2018

Ruth Anna Thomas of Dover, Delaware, born March 5, 1940, to the late Clarence Agard, Sr., and Hilda Hicks Gibson, departed this life on Thursday, January 4, 2018, at Kent General Hospital. She was 77.

When she first learned that her health had taken a left turn, she said in a whisper “Oh Lord, something else for my kids to worry about.” On that same day she decided, “I’ve gotta fight, Lord, I’m giving this to you.” And with her strong faith & determination, and her will to live, she did just that. When the odds were against her, and there were many times, she continued to trust in God until he decided, “OK GIRL, it’s time to come home.”

Ruth was educated in the Dover, Delaware area , and was united in holy matrimony to Arnold Thomas, on February 23, 1957. Through this union, they were blessed with six children.

Ruth attended Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Marydel, Maryland, where she was on the choir and served as an usher. She later joined Community Baptist and attended until her illness. She was an usher under ICUA of Delaware Unit #3.

Ruth worked for the St. Benedictine School in Ridgely, Maryland, to later work at ConAgra, until retiring after 15 years of service.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold Thomas, sons, Arnold H & Craig L., daughter, Teresa M., and brothers Alexander Gibson & Howard Jefferson.

She leaves to mourn her memories, daughter, Jean (Johnson) Scott (Matthew) of Maryland, MD, son, James R. Thomas and daughter, Tami (Thomas) Wilson, both of Dover, DE; grandchildren, Brittaenee' Bertty (Mike), Zachary Johnson, Brandon Thomas, Derek Thomas and Arnetta Smith (Edwin); great-grandchildren, Brennan Thomas, Na'vaeh & Zay'den Smith; sisters, Clara Carroll, Rosella Gibson, brothers, Clarence Agard, Jr & Leroy Gibson (Vivian) sisters-in-law, Margaret Jefferson, Helen Thomas & Audrey Gibson-Valdez; one uncle, Wallace Hicks (Helen); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and church family.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Ruth Anna Thomas, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - January 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BU

“ These words of deepest sympathy are sent with the hope that, as time goes by, cherished memories will help bring you inner peace, and make your loved one seem still very close to you. May the memories that mean the most to you live forever in your heart.

Barbara Urquhart - January 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ Sorry for the loss of a dear loved one. Reading from the scriptures can give you comfort and peace. Read Isaiah 41:10

Irene - January 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ My deepest sympathies for the family. I can only imagine what you must be feeling.. But know that she is resting in peace. No longer enduring the pains of this world, she is in the arms of our master. I love you all!

Brittany Jones-Trujillo - January 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ It was an honor and a privilege to have known mom, I love her and I will never forget her. I will continue to pray for you Tam, as well as the rest of the Thomas family.

Deepest Sympathy,

Ebony Paul

Ebony Paul - January 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ I shared many days with Miss. Ruth while we were both learning about each others family and sharing stories together while staying in pinnacle. Ruth was my sunshine in a dark place, she gave me joy and always had a smile you would always remember! Ruth made a big impact in such a short time together to many family members! Not to mention we planned many escape routs together, us older ladies loved a good laugh!

Gayle Beevers - January 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Mom Ruth you will be miss by all of us young sons as you called in Marydel. You was on the battle field for many years and was finally promoted to the highest rank available. And receive your wings all because it was announced well done. To Jeannie and Jimmy Tammythe love she gave us wont go in vain. Her memory will always be apart of our daily living and pray you continue her legacy for She resting in his boss on

Prayers are with you all.

Donald Johnson - January 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your oved one. Death is so devastating to us all. It makes us feel sad, hurt and helpless. The bible calls death an enemy to us all. The bible tells us that soon death will be removed along with tears and pain. (Revelation 21:4) Also, we can look forward to the resurrection of the dead. (Acts 24:15) Please look forward to that time. Until then may your family be comforted and blessed.

Doretha Sampson - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS!

Thomas & Libby Widgeon - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. All of us have experienced the pain of death in some way sad to say. And, so, at difficult times like this we are confronted with the stark reality of how precious and fragile life can surely be (James 4:14). So, my wife and I send this condolence to you with the hope that we can in some small way comfort you as it has comforted us with what the Bible reveals to us about GOOD NEWS from Almighty God. Please be assured that we are in no way trying to impose our faith on you; but we sincerely just want to extend comfort to you during your grief (Proverbs 17:17).

As recorded in the Bible, God's only-begotten son, Jesus promises that one day he is personally going to bring back to life all those who have died, just as he did when he was on earth as a man (John 5:28, 29; 11:43, 44). Just as death is an enemy to us, it is also an enemy to God (1 Corinthians 15:26). For that reason, as well as others, He promises to remove FOREVER all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and DEATH that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10, 11, 29). What a glorious and almost unbelievable day that will be! It's a reality and a sure hope we can rely on because it is absolutely impossible for God to lie (Titus 1:2; Isaiah 55:10, 11).

It is our hope that you NOT take our word for what has been written in this condolence; but we encourage you to please take a moment to read and meditate on all these referenced scriptures in your own Bible (1 Timothy 4:15, 16). My wife and I are confident you will be encouraged and comforted by the marvelous hope God has in store for us (Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

George & Christine Ragusa - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ To the Thomas family, please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one . May the wonderful memories of your loved one continue to provide a measure of comfort to you until Gods promises are fulfilled at Matthews 5:5.

JoyceA - January 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I feel like I have lost a member of my family. Mrs. Thomas was the warmest friendliest person I have had the pleasure of knowing even when she was not feeling well. I will miss her big smile whenever I saw her. My thoughts and prayers are with her family. Sincerely,
June Katz

June Katz - January 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ One of my favorites, she always made me smile!

Sandi Voss - January 10, 2018 at 12:00 AM